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--41. The method of claim 31 in which the first and second spatial spot sizes are less than 50 µm across their surface diameters.--

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- --42. The method of claim 41 in which the first and second spatial spot sizes are about 25 µm across their surface diameters.--
- -43. The method of claim 31 in which the first and second laser outputs were generated at an average output power of greater than or equal to 225 mW.--
- --44. The method of claim 31 in which the first and second energy densities comprise a fluence of greater than or equal to 2.30 J/cm<sup>2</sup>.--
- --45. The method of claim 44 in which the first and second energy densities comprise a fluence of greater than or equal to 14.79 J/cm<sup>2</sup>.--
- --46. The method of claim 45 in which the first and second energy densities comprise a fluence of greater than or equal to 28.72 J/cm<sup>2</sup>.--
- -47. The method of claim 31 in which the first and second energy densities comprise a power density of greater than or equal to 1.02 x 108 W/cm<sup>2</sup>.--
- --48. The method of claim 47 in which the first and second energy densities comprise a power density of greater than or equal to 7.18 x 108 W/cm<sup>2</sup>.--
- --49. The method of claim 37 in which the first and second energy densities comprise a fluence of greater than or equal to 14.79 J/cm<sup>2</sup>.--
- --50. The method of claim 37 in which the first and second energy densities comprise a power density of greater than or equal to 1.02 x 108 W/cm<sup>2</sup>.--
- --51. The method of claim 50 in which the first and second spatial spot sizes are less than 50  $\mu$ m across their surface diameters.--
- --52. The method of claim 31 in which the nonexcimer laser comprises a solid-state laser --